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Honorable Tom Parker  
Chief Justice  
Alabama Supreme Court  
300 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

**COURT OF THE JUDICIARY**  
Rebecca C. Oates  
Secretary

Chief Justice Parker,

It is with a heavy heart that I hereby resign, effective today July 3, 2020, as District Court Judge Place One for Limestone County Alabama. My resignation should not be viewed in any way as an admission of guilt on my part. The unescapable reality is that I cannot financially, mentally, or emotionally continue to fight the full weight, power and resources of the State of Alabama in two different theaters. Therefore, after much prayer and consideration, I have determined that it is best for my family and the people of Limestone County that I resign from my position.

Serving as District Judge for Limestone County has been the highest privilege of my professional life. No matter what others and the media may say, I can resign today knowing that I served the people and children of Limestone County well during my time as District Judge. I leave knowing the children of Limestone County are much better served now than when I took office.



Douglas L. Patterson